

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Phillips et al. Serial No.: 10/613,647

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Surgical Retractor Having Curved Arms

Group A.U.: 3732

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the final Official Action dated March 8, 2005. The applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that the drawings are accepted and that claims 4 and 8 are allowable.

This amendment is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (a), (b), or (c) and should place the claims in allowable form herewith under the heading *** VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE *** in the proper format as required under the 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.